

Application No.: 10/678,022  
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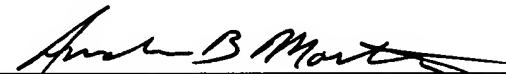
## REMARKS

The Applicants have reviewed the Office Action mailed September 14, 2004 and note that the Examiner has alleged that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention wherein species A is directed to Figs. 1-4, 5A-5B and 6 and is directed to claims 3-5, 8-17 and 21-24; and wherein species B is directed toward Figs. 7-9 and claims 18-20 and 25-35. It is acknowledged that claims 1-2 and 6-7 appear to be generic.

In order to comply with the election requirement, the Applicant respectfully requests examination of species A and has cancelled claims 18-20 and 25-35. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application with respect to the cancelled claims.

If the Examiner has any suggestions or comments for placing the claims in better form for allowance a telephone call to the undersigned attorney would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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